

Amendments To The Claims:

1(Canceled):

2(currently amended): The combination ~~device~~ of claim [[1]] 11 wherein said supporting structure is an elongated work piece.

3(currently amended): The combination ~~device~~ of claim [[1]] 11 wherein said prescribed height provides a vertical opening between said top portion and said supporting structure [[thru]] through which an elongated workpiece ~~work piece~~ is adapted to slide and be supported by said supporting structure.

4(currently amended): The combination ~~device~~ of claim [[1]] 11 wherein said top portion and at least one of said flanges are provided with cooperating structural elements of a lateral adjustment structure for allowing the distance between said flanges to be adjusted ~~is adjustable~~ on said top portion ~~longitudinally~~ laterally thereof to accommodate workpieces or supporting structures of different widths.

5(currently amended): The combination ~~device~~ of claim [[1]] 11 wherein said mounting means comprises a height adjustment slot oriented [[in]] through each said flange substantially normal to the plane of said top surface, and wherein fastener means is mounted [[thru]] through said slots and into said ~~mounting~~ supporting structure and adapted to tighten said flanges against edge portions of said supporting structure.

6(currently amended): The combination ~~device~~ of claim 3 wherein inside surface portions (51) of said flanges provide slide guides for assisting in keeping said workpiece properly oriented with respect to said first guide shoulder means.

7(currently amended): The combination device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11 wherein said first guide shoulder means comprises the forward side (26) of at least one lateral slot (13) formed laterally [[thru]] through said upper surface and part way through said top portion 11.

8(currently amended): The combination device of claim 7 wherein said top portion (11) has a back end (20) lying along a lateral axis (25) and wherein said first guide shoulder means is provided by ~~an edge of~~ said back end of said platform means.

9(currently amended): The combination device of claim 7 wherein a slide member (41) is provided and dimensioned in cross-section to accurately fit into and readily slide within said slot (13), and wherein cooperating elements of fastening means are provided on said slide member and ~~[[a]]~~ on said saw base of a hand held circular saw for securing said slide member to ~~[[a]]~~ the saw base along a lateral ~~[[guide]]~~ back edge (55) of said base.

10(canceled).

11(new): The combination of a cutting guide device and a conventional type hand held circular saw, wherein said saw comprises a base (38) having a planar slide surface (52) and a back edge (55) and having a disc shaped cutting blade (29) mounted on the drive shaft (54) of an electric motor (56) and lying in a variable cutting plane (27), wherein mounting structure is provided on the saw motor for pivotally mounting the motor on said base for angular adjustment with respect to said base to orient said cutting plane (27) with respect to said slide surface at an angle of between about 90° and about 45°, wherein said saw base is provided with a second guide shoulder means (41) aligned substantially parallel to said cutting plane (27) and having a portion extending below said slide surface, and wherein

said device comprises a platform structure generally designated (10) having a top portion (11) providing a substantially planar top surface (12) on which said slide surface (52) can rest and slide, said platform structure further having a longitudinal dimension (22) and a lateral dimension (24), first guide shoulder means (26) on said platform means and extending downwardly from said top surface (12) and along said lateral dimension (24), a pair of laterally spaced cooperating elevation flanges (28), (30) affixed to and extending downwardly from said top portion (11), a clamping mechanism (32) on said device adapted to releaseably affix said platform structure to opposing edge portions (31) of a supporting structure (34) at a prescribed height thereabove and at a prescribed angle α with respect to said supporting structure, whereby the combination of the conventional angle setter of and the α angle adjustment structure of the guide device allows an angle cut of up to about 80° from the vertical, wherein said first guide shoulder means (26) on said platform structure is adapted to engage said second guide shoulder means (36) on said base (38) for guiding said saw in a straight line laterally across said supporting structure.

12(new): The device of claim 4 wherein said lateral adjustment structure comprises a T shaped slot (45) formed in the bottom of said top portion along the lateral axis (25), through which slot a complementary shaped follower (47) affixed to a said flange is slidable.

13(new): The device of claim 11 wherein each said flange has a flat inner surface (51) which bears against a said edge portion (31) of said supporting structure, wherein a slot (33) is formed laterally through each said flange, wherein a threaded stud (49) is screwed laterally into each said edge portion, wherein each stud has a threaded portion extending outwardly

through a said slot, and wherein a nut structure is threaded onto each said threaded portion and, when tightened, bears against an outer surface of its associated flange and compresses the flange against a said edge portion, and wherein when said nut structures are loosened, said flanges are allowed to pivot around said stud and said flanges are allowed to slide up and down with respect to said stud for adjusting the height of said top portion above said supporting structure and for adjusting the angle α .

14(new): The combination of claim 9 wherein said slide member and said slot (13) have substantially rectangular complementary cross sections whereby longitudinal motion in either direction of said saw base during cutting is substantially prevented.

15(new): A cutting guide device for use with a conventional type hand held circular saw, wherein said saw has a base (38) having a planar slide surface (52) and a back edge (55) and having a disc shaped cutting blade (29) mounted on a drive shaft (54) of an electric motor (56) and lying in a variable cutting plane (27), wherein the motor is pivotally mounted on the base for angular adjustment with respect to the base to orient the cutting plane (27) with respect to the slide surface at an angle of between about 90° and about 45°, and wherein the saw base is provided with a second guide shoulder (41) aligned substantially parallel to the cutting plane (27) and having a portion extending below the slide surface,

wherein said device comprises a platform structure generally designated (10) having a top portion (11) providing a substantially planar top surface (12) on which the slide surface (52) can rest and slide, said platform structure further having a longitudinal dimension (22) and a lateral dimension (24), first guide shoulder means (26) on said platform means and extending downwardly from said top surface (12) and along said lateral

dimension (24), a pair of laterally spaced cooperating elevation flanges (28), (30) affixed to and extending downwardly from said top portion (11), a clamping mechanism (32) on said device adapted to releaseably affix said platform structure to opposing edge portions (31) of a supporting structure (34) at a prescribed height thereabove and at a prescribed angle α with respect to said supporting structure, whereby said first guide shoulder means (26) on said platform structure is adapted to engage the second guide shoulder (36) on the base (38) for guiding the saw in a straight line laterally across said supporting structure.

16(new): The device of claim 15 wherein each said flange has a flat inner surface (51) which bears against a said edge portion (31) of said supporting structure, wherein a slot (33) is formed laterally through each said flange, wherein a threaded stud (49) is screwed laterally into each said edge portion, wherein each stud has a threaded portion extending outwardly through a said slot, and wherein a nut structure is threaded onto each said threaded portion and, when tightened, bears against an outer surface of its associated flange and compresses the flange against a said edge portion, and wherein when said nut structures are loosened, said flanges are allowed to pivot around said stud and said flanges are allowed to slide up and down with respect to said stud for adjusting the height of said top portion above said supporting structure and for adjusting the angle α .

17(new): The device of claim 15 wherein said first guide shoulder means comprises the forward side (26) of at least one lateral slot formed laterally through said upper surface and part way through said top portion 11.

18(new): The device of claim 15 wherein said top portion (11) has a back end (20) lying along a lateral axis (25) and wherein said first guide shoulder means is provided by said back end of said platform means.